MINUTES

—of the—

Ninety-Ninth Annual Session

—of the—

Original Bear Creek Association

Held with the

CHURCH AT PLEASANT GROVE,

Sept. 18, 19, 20, 1931.

OFFICERS

Elder P. J. WASHBURN, Moderator ..... Albemarle, N. C., Route 2
T. A. HELMS, Church Clerk ..... Marshville, N C
H. M. BAUCOM, Assistant Clerk ..... Peachland, N C
M, N. TODD, Reading Clerk ..... Monroe, N. C., route 2

☞ Next session will convene with the church at Union Grove, Union County, N. C., Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in September, 1932.

RULES GOVERNING The "ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK" PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transaction of the Association,

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature, except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring it or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the perfect rule of faith and practive for God's church in her militant state while here on earth,

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head,

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper: and that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust. and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

PROCEEDINGS

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. P.J.Washburn.

After an intermission of one hour the Association assembled in the house, and after praise and prayer by Eld. Jesse Barnes, the church and invited messengers and visitors proceeded to business as follows : Eld. P. J. Washburn, pastor of Pleasant Grove church acted as Moderator and Bro. T. A. Helms, Clerk of Pleasant Grove church, acted as Clerk of this Association, who called in H. M. Baucum and M. N. Dodd to assist him.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches which were handed in and read, and their status noted.

From Pleasant Grove..whole church,

From Watson..Gilbert Benton, David Helms, Eld. O. C. Mullis, H. N. Curlee, Alternate.

From High Hill..M. N, Todd, S H Edwards, Geo. Helms, alternate, Vann P. Helms.

From Lawyer's Spring..W A Dry, W E Jones, H M Baucom, alternate, C P Griffin.

From Union Grove..C R Hill, F L Baucom, T E Privett F D Deese, alternate.

From Bethel..Represented by letter.

From Meadow Creek..W H Hatley, D M Hathcock.

From Mountain Creek A J Deese, J C Miller, J E Russell

From Liberty Hill L C Blackwelder, J E Vanhoy.

3. The pastor of Pleasant Grove church was authorized to appoint committees on finance and preaching, who in turn appointed messengers from each church as committees on finance and preaching.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats as follows : From Dan River, Elder J R Wilson, W H Oaks, J T Jackson and J T Lewis.

From Carolina Association..Elder A N Green, S F Heath, J W Mayme and others.

From Silver Creek Eld. R A May and wife.

From Little River..Elds. Jesse Barnes, G W Stevenson Bro R F Smith and others.

5. Distributed Corresponding Minutes as usual.

6. On motion we take up correspondence with Silver Creek Association.

Saturday Morning

7. Met in house pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Eld. J R Wilson, proceeded to business as follows: Called on finance committee to report:

Reported sent up by the churches this year $70.00.

8, On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this Association with the church at Union Grove, commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1932, and embracing Saturday and Sunday following, and that the officers of that church, be the officers of the Association, with privilege of calling in assistance.

9. It is agreed to have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual, and H M Baucom is requested to have the job done and that we allow him thirty dollars for same and for distribution of same.

10. On motion it is agreed that we return thanks to God for His blessings to the people of the surrounding country for their hospitality during this meeting.

Thus ended a pleasant and profitable session of this Association, and we felt that it was good to wait upon the Lord and that our strength had been renewed, while many faces were wet with tears of joy, while the doctrine of the Lord dropped as the gentle rain, and His speech distilled as the dew from the lips of His anointed servants.

May the Lord keep us all humble and at the feet of God's little children, ever looking over each other for good, and not for evil. Amen.

Eld. P. J. WASHBURN, Moderator
T A HELMS, Church Clerk
H M BAUCOM, Asst. Clerk
M N TODD, Reading Clerk

Order of Preaching

Fri.	A. M.	Eld. P J Washburn, Introductory sermon
"	P. M.	Eld. J T Lewis and Eld. G W Stephenson
Sat.	A. M.	Elds. A N Green, Jesse Barnes, R A May
Sat.	P. M.	Elds. O C Mullis, W H Oaks
Sun.	A. M.	Elds. J F. Jackson, J R Wilson, J T Lewis
"	P. M.	Elds. W H Oaks and P J Washburn

Names and Addresses of Ministers

Eld. P J Washburn, route 2 ..... Albemarle, N C
" O C Mullis, route 2..... Unionville "
" J R Wilson, 213 Moss Street, Martinsville, Va.
" C H White ..... Wadesboro, "
" W E Benton ..... Shallotte "
" J T Jackson ..... Bassetts, Va.
" Jesse Barnes ..... Four Oaks "
" W H Oaks ..... Dry Forks, Va.
" J T Lewis ..... Angier, "
" A N Greene ..... Gastonia "
" G W Stevenson ..... Benson "

Corresponding Letter

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association to our sister churches composing this Association and to our sister Associations with whom we correspond, Greetings: Dear Brethren, through the mercy of God, we were permitted to meet again in sweet fellowship and union in an Associational capacity.

It is an association indeed when we can meet in love and associate with each other, all seeing eye to eye, and speaking the same thing.

We hope to thank God for the able gifts He has sent among us proclaiming the doctrine of a crucified and risen Lord.

We are content with the plain Bible truths that were advanced by the many precious gifts from the different parts of the country.

Our hearts were glad to see so many visiting ministers, laity and friends coming from different parts of the country.

We felt that it was none other than the House of God, seeing so much of His manifest presence. We ask your continued correspondence and presence with us. We also ask an interest in your prayers.

The next session of this Association will D. V. be held with church at Union Grove, near Monroe, N. C.

We are glad to say that our churches are all in peace, sweet fellowship one with another, and are satisfied to follow in the good old way.

Submitted in love.

F. LATTA BAUCOM

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors and Address	Clerks and Address	Rec'd by Ex. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letcer	Excluded	Deceased	Rec'd by Confession	Total membership	Sunday of meeting	Contributions
Pleasant Grove	Elder P J Washburn	T A Helms, Marshville N C	6	--	--	--	1	--	--	36	2	$10 00
Watson	" P J Washburn,	Preston Helms, Rt 2, Unionville "	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	39	4	10 00
Union Grove	" O C Mullis, Unionville, Rt.3, N C	F L Baucom, Monroe, route 2 "	--	--	--	--	16	--	--	47	2	10 00
High Hill	" [illegible]	C T Mills, Monroe, route 2 "	3	--	--	--	1	1	--	40	1	15 00
Bethel	" J [illegible]	O J Bell, Wampee, S C	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	22	4	2 00
Lawyer's Springs	" P B [illegible]	H M Baucom, Peachland "	1	6	--	--	1	--	--	61	1	10 00
Liberty Hill	" J R [illegible]	L C Blackwelder, Stanfield "			1	--	2	--	--	8	1	1 00
Meadow Creek	" O C Mullis	D M Hatchcock, Stanfield "		--		--	1	--	--	14	1	2 00
Mountain Creek	" P J Washburn	J E Russell, Albemarle "	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	13	3	2 00

No Report

Contributions sent up from the church $67 00
Contributions handed in by friends 3 00

Total contributions $70 00
Expense for Minutes 30 00
Contributed to Minutes 40 00